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Inaugural remarks

There is an overflow of information in the world. Today, some 70 000 periodicals and journals are listed in international catalogues. The number of zoological journals comes up to about 10 000. So it seems justified to ask, why to launch a new zoological journal increasing thereby the difficulties of acquisition.

However, the real assessment of this question is contradictory, since the interest of the publisher is different from that of the reader. The most important standpoint of an institutional publication is to provide for the new scientific results an opportunity to appear in the form of papers well representing the profile of the research institute, and at the same time providing a sound basis for the exchange of various foreign publications. For the reader again it is best to have all the available information in one given paper.

When the Hungarian Natural History Museum decided to launch the "Miscellanea Zoologica Hungarica" we had in mind partly to give publication opportunity for our research workers and partly to investigators carrying out research on our Museum material, and last but not least, to produce an exchangeable journal.

The special field of interest of the "Miscellanea" is non-entomological invertebrate research embracing taxonomy, faunistics, zoogeography, ecology, ethology and anatomy, which is carried out primarily on our Museum material. Priority shall be given to parasitic worms, molluscs and crustaceans.

We are launching the first number of the "Miscellanea" with the hope that it will come up to expectations both in Hungary and abroad.

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